

A Message from Pat Isfeld, President MDTSEA

Greetings from Miliona, as you read this I hope everyone had a safe summer with your Driver's Education program and your private affairs. It's hard to believe that our 2014-2015 school year is underway and the feeling of fall is in the air.

The 58th Annual American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) Conference was held July 13-16th 2014 at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Wichita Kansas. The Theme of this year's conference was "Strategic Planning: Driver Education in the Digital Age". I am proud to say that Minnesota was well represented with seven Minnesota Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (MDTSEA) members in attendance. Congratulations to our secretary/treasurer and past president Bea Kehr in receiving the 2014 Teacher Excellence Award (TEA). This award was presented to Bea at Tuesday's luncheon sponsored by the National Road Safety Foundation. We were all very proud of Bea in receiving this award and for representing MDTSEA and the great state of Minnesota at this National Conference.

Bea also gave a great presentation to all conference members. Her title was "*Applying the Use of Common Core Standards to Behind-the-Wheel Driving Instruction*". A special thank you to Bea for providing a national audience with this perspective of teaching.

Another Minnesotan received recognition when he was installed as a regional director for ADTSEA. Mark Lee won a contested election last spring to serve on the board of directors of ADTSEA. Congratulations Mark I know you will make us all proud and provided wise counsel to our national organization.

The conference provided attendees a chance to meet many great professional Drivers Education Instructors, from both public and private sector, and a chance to see what is happening in Drivers Education in many areas of our country. It truly was an eye opening experience for me and gave me the feeling that no matter if you live in Oregon or Vermont driver educators share the same challenges.

At one point in the conference it was announced that Minnesota now joins a few other states in passing legislation requiring a parent component within our curriculum. I was amazed at the applause Minnesota received from our national colleagues. It would be nice to have Minnesota on the agenda for next summer's conference in Raleigh sharing insights on the success of this program.

There were many topics on the agenda and here are a few that stand out: *The Parent Driving Zone- Data and feedback from Parents, Students, and Teachers*...Andy Pilgrim, Fl. Driver Educator. *Online Driver Education Delivery Standards* presented by Dan Mayhew, Senior Vice President, Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) Ottawa, Ontario. *Useful Activities for the Instructor Candidate* *Classroom, Range, and In-Car* presented by Robin Bordner, MI, Trainer of Instructors, Michigan Traffic Safety. *ANSTSE Current and Proposed Projects* presented by Brett Robinson, PA, Highway Safety Services. *NHTSA's Support in Driver*

Education” presented by Jim Wright, D.C., National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The list goes on, and in a nutshell the National Standards, On-line Drivers Education, Instructor Strategies, and Driver Education in the Digital Age were highlighted through out the conference.

Next year’s conference will be hosted by the great state of North Carolina. Mark July 12-15th 2015 on your calendar and plan to be at the Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. Check MDTSEA’s website for more details.

In closing, our organization has many challenges to face in the 2014-2015 school year. They include the continuation of meetings with the state Task Force on the National Standards, On-Line Drivers Education, and planning of our Winter Workshop and State Conference next spring.

Over this next year, I hope you will be in contact with me, or your district representative with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have to make MDTSEA a stronger organization for our students, the State of Minnesota, and our members. Let us know what you would like to see at our next winter workshop, and our state conference. Your ideas are important. If you would like to submit an article in our MILEPOST, please contact John W. Palmer, our editor, or Joe Christensen conference facilitator.

Many of you will be working hard this fall teaching classroom and behind-the-wheel. Please be safe and take the time to enjoy this great state. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our profession and to our students.

Minutes of the Pre-conference MDTSEA Board of Directors Meeting Thursday April 3, 2014 Kelly Inn St. Cloud University Suite

Members present: Shirly Suneson, Terry Suneson, Pat Irsfeld, Dr. Brad Isberner, John Ertz, Jen Sletten, Carol Olson, Doug Riles, Jim Hudspeth, Mark Lee, Marty Rossini, Bea Kehr

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Irsfeld at 6:15 p.m.. The minutes from the Feb. board meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Marty R. and second by Jen S. The motion carried. The Treasurers report was read. Jen S moved to accept the report and move to audit, second by Mark L. the motion carried.

Policy is needed for conference/ workshop reimbursement or credit for 2015. Discussion took place Marty R. moved that MDTSEA fully refund if the cancelation occurs 48 hours in advance of the conference or workshop. Doug R. seconded the motion. The motion carried. Full refunds will be given to those who have death or hospitalization in immediate family. Marty R. made the motion and Dough Riles seconds the motion. The motion carried. This information will be put in the registration materials and on the web page.

Joe C. gave us a legislative update.

John E. made a motion to grant students who are either enrolled in or completed the Driver Ed program at SCSU during the current academic year a free MDTSEA membership consistent with the provisions of the MDTSEA constitution and one day free registration at the Annual MDTSEA Conference. Doug R. seconds the motion. Discussion followed. The vote took place and the motion carried.

Work continues on committee guidelines. We have 199 memberships as of 2/1/14.

Thank you to vendors AAA Iowa & Driver Ed. Solutions.

Committee reports were attached to agenda.

Discussion took place on printing a MilePost before workshops and before conference. A comment was made that we need to print a conference flyer and have it ready before November. No mailed flyer was published for the 2014 conference and registrations were a little low. We have same day registrations. This makes it more difficult to plan for bags and meals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to stuff bags for conference.

Respectfully submitted, Beatrice Kehr, Sec./Treas.
(Accepted Sept. 6, 2014)

MDTSEA Spring 2014 Conference Annual Business Meeting

Friday April 4, 2014 Kelly Inn St. Cloud, MN

The meeting was called to order by Pat Irsfeld at 3 p.m. Pat announced the need to elect new regional directors. The meeting recessed at 3:20 for regional meetings. The meeting reconvened at 4:05 with regions announcing those elected as regional reps.. Those elected were: District 1 Gregg Davis- District 2 Jim Hudspeth, District 3 Ray Kroll, District 4 John Ertz, 5th District Curt Quiner, District 6 Marty Rossini, Region 7 Jen Jenson-Skoviera, Region 8 Carol Olson.

Treasure's report was presented. The motion was made by John Palmer and second by John Ertz to accept the report and send to audit. The motion carried

Reports presented:

Historian Shirly Sunneson. asked members to send her your recollections of memories of MDTSEA related events.

Jim Hudspeth spoke on BHW Curriculum.

Legislative report was presented by Joe Christenson.

Members of the DPS Task Force on National Standards who represent MDTSEA provided an update on Task Force activities.

John Ertz made a motion to accept all reports, Jen Jenson-Skoviera seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dr. John Palmer reported on the ADTSEA & NHTSA working group. They are working with states to update and meet the national driver education standards.

St. Cloud State Report was given by Dr. Brad Isberner in the morning session.

The Minnesota Driver Education Foundation report was given by Mark Lee. The Foundation is separate from the MDTSEA and is recognized as a charitable organization by the IRS. Foundation Officers: President Mark Lee, Vice President Marty Rossini, Secretary/Treasurer John Palmer. Balance in the treasury 3/1/14, \$15,128

Adjourned 4:30 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Beatrice Kehr, Secretary / Treasurer
(to be acted on at the next business meeting)

Minutes of the Post MDTSEA Conference Board of Directors Meeting

April 5, 2014 12:30 pm University Suite St Cloud Kelly Inn, MN

Member present: Pat Irsfeld, Carol Olson, John Ertz, Mike LaBarge, Charles Benda, Dr. John Palmer, Joe Christensen, Doug Riles, Greg Davis, Curt Quiner, Jen Sletten, Bea Kehr
The meeting was called to order by Pat Irsfeld at 12:35 p.m. Pat welcomed new members. Committee assignments are attached. Meeting dates are attached.

Discussion of 2015 MDTSEA Conference took place which resulted in a plan to move the conference to early May. (The May dates did not work due to Mother's Day and fishing opener.) A paper mailing was requested by conference attendees.

The Conference will be held at the St. Cloud Kelly Inn on March 26-28, 2015.
Possible activities: Round table where we share our knowledge with each other; Speakers suggested Harold Risk and Andy Pilgrim- he will provide DVDS to whole conference and present for free.

Good Conference over all.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm
Respectfully submitted
Beatrice Kehr, Secretary / Treasurer
(Accepted Sept. 6, 2014)

47th Annual MDTSEA Conference 2014 Summary

Michael A. Fishback and Phillip J. Toconita

Autism Spectrum and Driver Education

Dr. C. Edrisinha, of the Autism Program at SCS, gave an overview of the autism spectrum and its implications for driver education. Autism is usually diagnosed in early childhood by clinical observation of language based activities including social interaction, repetitive behaviors and verbal communications. Dr. Edrisinha suggests that Driver Education Instructors may deal with many teens that may have an autistic involvement. The lack of strong research limits concrete intervention recommendations.

DVS Q & Answer

Hoechst & Koester answered questions pertaining to the road and permit tests, laws on the books, and anything else that has to do with driving in Minnesota.

Point of Impact Program

Gordy Peterson explained the Parent Involvement Program and how he can help set up a viable variation in almost any size city or town. The basic premise is to get more parents involved with improving the student's driving ability which I do believe, to a degree. More important to me is to educate or re-educate the parents to new or reformed laws.

New Bicycle Laws

Michelle Pooler gave the audience an overview of innovations in bicycle and pedestrian safety materials. In her presentation, she mentioned that driver inattention and failure to yield are the two leading causes of many pedestrian crashes. I understand that we are teaching new or young drivers to be more attentive and less distracted, but what about the pedestrians that cause many of these crashes by themselves being distracted and not following the Pedestrian Rules.

Evaluating the Disabled Driver

Connie Shaffer explained the processes of obtaining services from Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute. The Courage Center provides clinical testing and adaptation primarily for seniors and people with disabilities. The fee is \$380 plus costs of modifications on changes in the drug distribution and usage in MN.

Current Drug Abuse & Trends in MN

Steve Soyka, a Stearns County Sheriff, gave a very educational and informative report on the changes in drug distribution and usage in MN. His information was reinforced by the TV news and newspaper articles in the following weeks.

Providing Lifesaving Experiences before Licensing

Professor Frederick R. Mottola's presentation reinforced my teaching. Believing in visualization techniques, I saw how his program could be beneficial to students: giving or showing physical and mental images and learning to react to them. Creating a fundamental base for students to learn and react to in live driving situations. I like the

idea of seeing before it's a critical situation on the road. I believe that it will also teach students that they need to and must drive attentively or miss what might be critical their safety! Taking the real or live situation and having the time to break it down and learn from it is good and positive.

Heaven's Beautiful Angel

Matt Logan told another sad story for today's teenager (or driving culture of all ages); how a young teen lost her life to a distracted driving accident which could have been worse. She set the cruise on the family van above the speed limit and was texting. She ran into a stopped school bus unloading students. Only she lost her life. It is another sad story of distracted driving – which we all need to stop!

Upcoming Events

2014 Toward Zero Deaths Conference Registration Open

<http://www.minnesotazd.org/events/conference/2014/index.html>

Membership Renewal, Regional Workshop, and Conference Registration Mailing

December 6th Board of Directors Meeting

Spring Semester Driver Education Teacher Preparation Courses

http://www.stcloudstate.edu/continuingstudies/driversed/course_sequence.asp

January 21, 2015 Regional Workshops

Annual Conference March 26-28, 2015 at the St. Cloud Kelly Inn

<http://bestwesternminnesota.com/hotels/best-western-plus-kelly-inn-saint-cloud>

Elections of President Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and Four (4) at Large Board of Directors

Interested candidates should notify Members of the Nominations Committee (Mike Meyers or Doug Riles), any Board Member, or wait until the Conference to indicate their interest.

Canadian's Admit to Driving Under the Influence of Impairing Prescription Drugs

OTTAWA, September 9th, 2014 /CNW/ - According to a new report from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (www.tirf.ca), almost 780,000 drivers on Canadian roads admitted to driving under the influence of potentially impairing prescription drugs in 2013.

The new report, The Road Safety Monitor 2013: Drugs and Driving, based on a survey of Canadian drivers, looks at drivers' views, experiences and behaviours in relation to the use of licit and illicit drugs and driving. While there is less concrete evidence regarding the

prevalence, risks and implications of drug-impaired driving in comparison to alcohol-impaired driving, there are indications that the problem is a growing source of concern among road safety professionals and drivers.

“According to Transport Canada, drugs, other than alcohol, are found in about one-third of the fatally injured drivers in Canada who are tested for drugs,” notes TIRF President and CEO Robyn Robertson. “The National Fatality Database, maintained by TIRF, contains an index of over 200 different substances that have been detected in fatally injured drivers in Canada.”

The proportion of Canadian drivers admitting to using both licit and illicit drugs (3.2% prescription drugs; 1.6% marijuana or hashish and 0.8% illegal drugs) before driving underscores the need for more research and increased awareness of the potential risks associated with mixing drug use and driving. While the presence of a particular legal or illegal drug does not necessarily imply impairment of a driver, more research is needed to better understand the effects on driving behaviour.

Over 63% of respondents to the survey said they felt that drug-impaired drivers posed a serious threat to traffic safety with the youngest (71.9%) and oldest (78.5%) of drivers expressing the most concern for drug-impaired drivers. While only a relatively small percentage of the population chose to drive under the influence of drugs in 2013, concern is still warranted due to the relative risk of crashing that has been associated with different drugs.

“Survey results showed that individuals who chose to drive after taking prescription drugs that may affect their driving had a 60% increase in the odds of self-reporting injury as a result of a motor vehicle crash compared to those who did not drive after taking prescription drugs,” explains Robertson. “In addition, drivers who drove under the influence of marijuana had a 71% increase in the odds of reporting that they had been injured in a motor vehicle collision.”

Researchers also remind drivers that it is illegal under the Criminal Code to drive impaired by any legal or illegal drugs. Progress has been made in the detection of drug-impaired driving, and in 2008 the Criminal Code of Canada was strengthened to include specially-trained police officers trained in detecting impairment among drivers, known as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs).

"Drivers need to understand that it is important to read the labels on over-the-counter or prescription medications, and to talk to their doctor or pharmacist about how medication can affect their driving ability," notes Robertson. "While more research is needed to better understand the specific effects of many drugs, there is clear evidence that consuming both legal and illegal drugs can pose a risk to drivers and the risk is real. Our best tools to address this issue are to increase public awareness, to continue to measure and monitor the problem, and to pursue more research to build knowledge about the problem and ways it can be addressed."

About the poll. These results are based on the Road Safety Monitor, an annual public opinion poll developed and conducted by TIRF. A total of 1,201 qualified Canadian drivers completed

the interview in September 2013. Results can be considered accurate within plus or minus 2.8%, 19 times out of 20. For the third time, some respondents were contacted by phone and some online. The RSM was made possible by financial support from Beer Canada, the Toyota Canada Foundation, and Aviva Canada. The full report is available on the TIRF website: <http://bit.ly/2013rsmdd>.

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Introducing *Roadway Safety Institute News*

We're excited to bring you the first issue of *Roadway Safety Institute News*. In this quarterly electronic publication, we'll share our latest activities in research, education and workforce development, and technology transfer initiatives related to transportation safety.

Tell us what you think! We welcome comments and questions about the Institute. E-mail roadway@umn.edu. Find us at: <http://www.roadwaysafety.umn.edu/publications/news/archive/>

The Roadway Safety Institute is a \$10.4 million regional University Transportation Center (UTC) established in late 2013. Led by the University of Minnesota, the two-year consortium will be a focal point for safety-related work in the region, which includes Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Attitudes Toward Automated Speed Enforcement

Excessive speed is a cause of traffic crashes and a leading factor in many of the most-severe crashes. Automated speed enforcement (ASE) could save lives and prevent injuries—especially in work zones and around schools. ASE, however, is a contentious issue, despite studies that have shown its safety benefits and public opinion polls that have found support for its use in certain locations. To better understand this issue, researchers at the Roadway Safety Institute propose to identify the points of view of different stakeholders, as well as who and what influences them.

Exploring Why Teen Drivers Take Risks

Young drivers are overrepresented in traffic-related crashes and fatalities worldwide. To target the root causes of this phenomenon, Marie Claude Ouimet, an assistant professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the Université de Sherbrooke in Quebec, Canada, conducts research on the environmental, psychological, and neurobiological factors that contribute to risky driving behavior in teens and impaired drivers.

For more information on the preceding two items go to:
<http://www.roadwaysafety.umn.edu/publications/news/2014/01/>

Survey for the Development of the ADTSEA 4.0 Curriculum

The American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (ADTSEA) is conducting a survey to assist with the development of a new and improved 4.0 curriculum. We would like to seek your assistance to determine ways to improve and update the curriculum. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

To complete the survey please use the following link to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QF79SZ3>

- **Parents: Your Teens Are Watching**

- Teens may have a reputation for ignoring their parents, but new research shows that they are actually paying close attention when it comes to driving.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/sponsored/toyota/teen-driving/57/>

New Quiz Puts Teen Drivers to the Test

Besmartbewell.com asks teen drivers to prove what they know about distracted driving, the risks of texting and driving and more.

<http://news.yahoo.com/quiz-puts-teen-drivers-test-110000155.html>

http://www.nsc.org/safety_road/TeenDriving/Pages/WhatParentsCanDo.aspx

Drowsy Driving and Risk Behaviors

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6326a1.htm?s_cid=mm6326a1_w

Distracted driving hits home — hard

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/08/04/distracted-driving-cellphone-texting-nhtsa-crashes/13544557/>

What is National Road Safety Foundation's Teen Lane?

<http://nationalroadsafety.org/teenlane/programs/distracted-driving>

Speeding a Deadly Issue for Teen Drivers

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/06/25/teen-drivers-speeding/2443459/#>

Consumer Report: Tracking Teen Drivers

<http://www.wilx.com/topstories/headlines/Consumer-Report-Tracking-Teen-Drivers-261743921.html>

Online Program May Improve Teen Driver Training

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2014/06/24/online-program-may-improve-teen-driver-training/>

Does the variable speed limit system on I94 reduce crashes?

<http://www.cts.umn.edu/Publications/catalyst/2014/september/vsl>

Driver Ed Teachers from Minnesota, Missouri, Vermont get top National Honor

WICHITA, Kansas, July 15, 2014 -- Three driver education teachers have been selected by their peers to receive recognition for teaching excellence at the annual national conference of the American Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association here on July 16. The Teacher Excellence Awards are given by The National Road Safety Foundation, a non-profit group that creates driver safety education materials and makes them available at no cost to teachers and schools, police, traffic safety advocates and youth organizations.

Chosen by their peers to receive the 2014 Teacher Excellence Award, which carries with it a cash stipend, are Beatrice Kehr of Duluth, Minn., Carol Hoormann of St. Louis, Mo., and John Viau of Essex Junction, Vt.

“Driving instructors are a dedicated group who truly care about saving lives and preventing needless tragedy by helping young people learn how to drive safely and responsibly,” said David Reich, public relations director of The National Road Safety Foundation. “The three teachers we are honoring are the best of the best. They have consistently shown creativity and enthusiasm in the important work they do.”

Winner Beatrice Kehr has been teaching driver education for 25 years, mostly in the Duluth public schools. She has also been an advisor to driver education student teachers at St. Cloud State University. She has held leadership roles including as president of the Minnesota Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association and serves on a taskforce pushing for the state to adapt to the driver education curriculum to follow the new National Standards for Driver Education and Teacher Preparation. Kehr credits her love of driver education to her father, who taught her to drive a tractor on his dairy farm when she was six. “Dad was always teaching driving strategies when driving, long before it was time to get my license, and I’ve always felt driving is an important life skill,” she said.

Some Interest Links

Seatbelt Sensors to Fight Drowsy Driving

http://spectrum.ieee.org/cars-that-think/transportation/safety/buckle-up-for-a-smart-car-that-monitors-heartbeats?utm_source=feedburner-

[automaton&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A%20ieeespectrum/automaton%20%28Automaton%20-%20IEEE%20Spectrum%29](http://www.automaton.com/2014/08/28/automaton-ieee-spectrum/)

Study Finds Two Types of MnPASS Lanes Equally Safe

<http://www.cts.umn.edu/Publications/catalyst/2014/august/mnpass>

Technology Shows Promise in Reducing Rural Intersection Collisions

<http://www.cts.umn.edu/Publications/catalyst/2014/august/technology>

Primary Seat Belt Law Continues to Save Lives, Money

<http://www.cts.umn.edu/Publications/catalyst/2014/june/seatbelt>

Why Do Men and Women Travel Differently?

<http://www.cts.umn.edu/Publications/catalyst/2014/may/travel>

Self-driving Vehicles Spark Changes in Roadways, Travel, Law

<http://www.cts.umn.edu/Publications/catalyst/2014/may/selfdriving>

Flashing LED Stop Signs Reduce Right-angle Crashes

<http://www.cts.umn.edu/Publications/catalyst/2014/may/led>

From “TR News” January-February 2014 Did You Know?

In 1901, to get speeders under control and make roadways safer, Connecticut passed the nations first speed limit: 12 mph.

Belle Fourche, South Dakota is the site of the geographic center of the 50 United States.

Wyoming has more “blow off the road” crash locations than any other state.

Bicycle traffic is increasing by 4.6 percent per year in Minneapolis.

In December of 2013, Michigan became the fourth state (Nevada, Florida and California are the others) to pass legislation that allows the testing of automated vehicles on public roadways.